

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 98

March 3, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to study issues presented by the use of unsecured bail bonds and their related fees. Requires the AOC to report its findings and any recommendations for beneficial legislation to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Criminal Justice Committee by January 15, 2014.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact assumes that the action directed by this resolution will be implemented and reflects the cost of implementation.
- According to the AOC, it lacks the expertise to conduct the study and will hire a consultant to research the current practices and procedures in various counties, including contacting magistrates, judicial commissioners, court clerks, and other personnel authorized to establish bonds.
- The consultant will also work with all state and local agencies that could be impacted by any proposed changes and study the legal ramifications of any changes.
- According to the AOC, the increased one-time state expenditures to hire a consultant is estimated to be \$50,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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